

## Imsil County residents tour Wolf Pack

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8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Nearly 40 Imsil County residents visited Kunsan to learn about the base's flying operations during a base visit July 5.

The visit was hosted by Col. Burt Field, 8th Fighter Wing commander, to thank the residents for their support and patience during the recent F-16 crash in the town of Ch'ong Woong Myon, located about 40 miles southeast of the base.

"On behalf of the men and women of the 8th Fighter Wing, we thank the people of Ch'ong Woong Myon for their support and compassion during our time of need," said Field.

The residents received an 80th Fighter Squadron F-16 static display aircraft overview by 1st Lt. Jeff Buckland, 80th FS pilot, and Senior Airman Wayne Wood, 80th FS crew chief.

Following the static display tour, they viewed an 8th Security Forces Squadron dog demonstration by Staff Sgt. Steven Franco and dog Bak; Staff Sgt. James Pilkenton and dog China; and Staff Sgt. Thomas Clifford and dog Argo.

According to Yi, Chol Chae, Ch'ong Woong Myon township mayor, this was the first time for the residents to visit a military installation.

"It was a great opportunity to see Kunsan's military operations. It was a special chance for the civilians since they don't



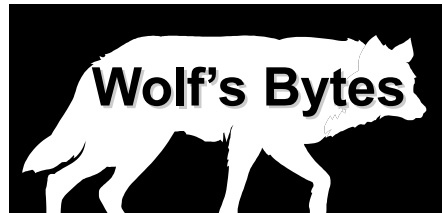
Photo by Senior Airman Lanie McNeal, 8th CS/VI

**1st Lt. Jeff Buckland, a pilot with the 80th Fighter Squadron, shows visitors from Imsil County the inside of an F-16 cockpit during a tour here July 5. The visitors also saw an 8th Security Forces Squadron dog demonstration.**

get the chance to see a military base," he said.

The final leg of the tour ended with viewing F-16 aircraft conducting touch-and-go landings and take offs on the flight line.

"This was a great way to express our appreciation for the friendship and generosity to the people that live around the crash site," said Col. Michael Gardiner, 8th Support Group commander.



With the Initial Response Readiness Exercise and Combat Employment Readiness Exercise (IRRE/CERE) beginning next week, it is important that each and every member of the Wolf Pack thoroughly reviews and becomes familiar with the Ability to Survive and Operate guide. Put yourself in the proper exercise and safety mindset. I highly encourage people to review lessons learned from previous exercises and make sure all newcomers are up to speed and ready to contribute to the fight. Take time to think through possible scenarios that may come up during the exercise. Repeat the success stories and share the mistakes made during the ORI so errors are not duplicated. In the event of war, I want to win 100-0 not 51-49. Remember to drink lots of water and keep hydrated. Let's be safe Wolf Pack.

During an exercise Alarm Black, MOPP XX condition, only mission-critical personnel are permitted to move about. Who are the mission-critical personnel? It is base recovery after-attack teams performing sweeps when the attack is over, or those commanders the Battle Staff authorizes to conduct critical missions. The Survival Recovery Center will notify the Unit Control Centers when it is appropriate to begin critical missions. When we begin next week, make sure you have your Airman's Manual, ATSO guide, January 2001 edition, military ID card, dog tags and have checked in with the Information Control Centers for current exercise information.

Stay tuned to Commander's Access Channel 12 for information about MOPP levels and exercise status.

Though the mission is fast-paced, examine and be proud of the sacrifices each of us make at Kunsan every day. The mission can't be accomplished without every one of you!

## Problems with new pay system affect Kunsan

By Airman 1st Class Brian Hill  
8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Difficulties in implementing the new personnel data system have caused pay discrepancies for airmen Air Force wide. Wolfpack officials are dealing with the problems.

"We are aware of and are working a number of pay-related issues currently at Kunsan," said Maj. John McGarrity, 8th

Mission Support Squadron commander. "About 20 individuals have come in with problems relating to the new personnel system. The comptroller and military personnel flights have been working on a case-by-case basis to resolve pay discrepancies."

Some personnel have experienced pay problems if they were promoted, re-enlisted or extended their enlistments in the last two months.

Additionally, there have been cases where bonus payments due in June or July, especially initial enlistment bonuses, were not paid.

Airmen are encouraged to check their Leave and Earnings Statements for problems with their pay and then contact either the comptroller or the military personnel flights for assistance.

Call 782-5574 for information on military pay.

## Online education: A degree plan you can work with

By John Watson  
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Kunsan Air Base personnel now have an opportunity to use their Tuition Assistance benefits and Montgomery G.I. Bill benefits at the same time — and do it without ever sitting in a classroom.

More than 1,000 servicemembers have selected to work toward their degree entirely online through Bellevue University, even while deployed. Located just outside Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., BU's online programs are approved for TA and GI Bill payments.

The 35-year-old school began offering online classes in 1996 with a handful of students and six courses. Today, nearly 700 on-line students from all over the globe are enrolled in more than 100 courses. Bellevue University is fully accredited by the North Central Association of

Colleges and Schools-Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, and has a full-time veterans services representative on staff.

Bellevue University offers 10 undergraduate and three graduate online degrees with more programs in development.

These programs apply the university's unique active-learning approach to the Internet. Cyber-active learning allows students to attend class, meet with fellow students, discuss lessons with instructors, complete assignments and conduct research all in the online environment.

Founded in 1966, BU is one of Nebraska's largest accredited independent institutions of higher learning. As one of the foremost information-age universities, Bellevue University provides quality liberal arts and business undergraduate and graduate programs for nearly 3,400 students.

Visit the website at [www.bellevue.edu](http://www.bellevue.edu), or contact an admissions counselor at 800-756-7920, Ext 4021.

## Troops punished for UCMJ violations

By Staff Sergeant Shawn Bauer  
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Two members of the Wolf Pack received punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice during the month of July.

A staff sergeant from the 8th Transportation Squadron was found guilty of writing checks to the Loring Club without maintaining sufficient funds. The commander imposed a pun-

ishment of reduction to the grade of senior airman, 45 days restriction, 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

A first lieutenant from the 35th Fighter Squadron was found guilty of driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident on Kunsan Air Base. The 7th Air Force vice commander imposed a punishment of forfeiture of \$1500.00 per month for two months half of which is suspended for six months, 42 days restriction, and a reprimand.



Staff Sgt.  
Jason Fass



## Pride of the Pack

**Job:** Control tower vehicle control monitor, 8th Operations Support Squadron  
**Hometown:** Lake Havasu City, Ariz.  
**Follow-on:** Aviano Air Base, Italy  
**Hobbies:** Golf, skiing and snowboarding

Nominees are selected for outstanding service and dedication to their unit. To nominate an individual, contact the member's group commander.